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PERFORMING A MUTUAL CHALLENGE-RESPONSE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2007.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.